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LA 3402-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, Jr. on 4/17/59 that JOHN HOWARD LAWSON had advised informant that he plans to go to Portland, Oregon at some time in the near future to take charge of the Theater and Motion Picture part of the Festival of Arts at Reed College in Portland. Informant did not learn the date of this festival. LAWSON further indicated that he is going to take his wife, SUE LAWSON, with him. (S)(u)

For the information of the Portland office both of the above captioned subjects of the Los Angeles office are Security Index subjects.

LA 3402-S advised on 1/30/59 that JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, publicly known as one of the Hollywood Ten, has over the past several years, conducted various series of lectures pertaining to playwriting, theater and drama. During some of these lectures, he has made the statement that he is a Marxist. In early 1959, LAWSON stated that he was, at that time, a member of a Communist Party group made up of writers. (S)(u)

RICHARD JAY COLLINS, 200 Acari, West Los Angeles, California, a self-admitted former member of the Communist

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Party (CP), who is currently employed as a screen writer in Hollywood, California, advised on April 27, 1955 that the "Hollywood Ten" was the popular name utilized by the press and public in referring to ten motion picture film personalities who were subpoenaed before the House Un-American Activities Committee in Washington, D. C. in the fall of 1947. As a result of these hearings, all of the ten individuals were cited and subsequently convicted for contempt of Congress and served prison sentences. According to COLLINS, all were or had been members of the CP in Hollywood, California.

LA 3932-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 7/22/58 that at a meeting of the Zapata Section, Southern California District, CP (SCDCP) on 7/21/58 it was announced that SUE LAWSON was an unattached member of the Zapata Section whose CP club had been disbanded, and that she was desirous of joining the Cultural Section, SCDCP. (u)

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1. Will attempt to determine the date of the Festival of Arts at Reed College and advise the Los Angeles office.
2. Will attempt to afford appropriate coverage of subjects' activities and furnish pertinent information to the Los Angeles office.

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